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*National Archives and Records Service*
*Washington, D.C. 20408*

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters of May 26 and 27, 1966, addressed to Mr. Marion Johnson of our staff.

The unpublished basic documents of the Warren Commission in the National Archives were reviewed by the interested agencies of the Government with a view to making as many of them as possible available for research. A substantial part of the unpublished documents was cleared for research, but some of them were withheld for one or more of the reasons stated in the enclosed list of guidelines that were used by the agencies in making their review.

The manuscript transcripts of testimony of witnesses among the records of the Commission are withheld from research because they contain matter deleted in the published Hearings for the reason that the Commission considered publication to be in poor taste or the information to be irrelevant to any facet of the Commission's investigation (Hearings, Vol. I, p. v.).

We shall write you further about other matters covered in your letters as soon as we can complete a search for information about them.

As far as we know, there has been no designation of an agency to continue the work of the Warren Commission relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. The National Archives merely has custody of the records of the Commission and can make available only those records that have been cleared for research use. I should like to emphasize that it is our policy, and has consistently been our policy to provide access to researchers on a basis of complete equality.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Bahmer

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Archivist of the United States

Enclosure

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